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March 22, 1976

The Director
U. S. Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

I was under contract by the Agency from October 1968-November 1970, as a Special Police Advisor and Operations Officer in Southeast Asia. My present position is Public Defender Investigator, Santa Clara County, California.

Our office represents the defense of [redacted] He has been charged with 4 counts of burglary which allegedly were committed on the residence of [redacted] (alleged Communist, as reported in the U. S. Congressional Record about August 1967), the residence of [redacted] and burglaries on the Palo Alto and San Jose Peace Centers. These 4 burglaries were allegedly done to obtain political information. [redacted] is being represented by Deputy Public Defender C. R. Schneider, and I am doing the criminal investigation for the defense of [redacted]

There have been allegations made that the Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation have been involved in a "cover-up" germane to this case. Congressman Don Edwards, Chairman of the Civil and Constitutional Rights Sub-committee has launched an investigation of the FBI's alleged involvement in this case. This has been reported by the press as has several articles telling of 17 political burglaries and/robbery of the United Farm Workers' Union Hall in Delano, California. These alleged crimes took place from 1966-1968.

The purpose of this letter is for your Agency to confirm or deny its involvement in this case. Our intent is in no way to embarrass the Agency.

If one of your representatives desires to contact me in person here or in Washington, D.C., I should make myself available. Or should you decide to phone me, please call (408) 998-5121.

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Director, U.S. CIA

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Our client, [redacted] will have a delay of speedy trial motion April 23, 1976. Our major concern is that [redacted] constitutional rights be protected, and that he have the best possible defense under law.

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Faithfully yours,

Bernard W. Merrill
Bernard W. Merrill
Public Defender Investigator

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